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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HIGHER EDUCATION (EC.2) DEPARTMENT**

Letter No.1461/EC.2/2008-1, Dated:01.02.2008.

From
The Additional Secretary to Government,
Higher Education (EC.2) Department,
A.P.Secretariat, Hyderabad.

To
The Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education,
Hyderabad (we)

Sir,

Sub: TECHNICAL EDUCATION - LCQ No.955 (Starred) given
notice by Sri Venkat Rama Reddy Reddygari regarding
abolition of EAMCET - Reg.

Ref: From the Secretary, APLC Lr.No.955/QNS.A.1/2008-1,
Dt.30.1.2008.

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the reference cited together with its enclosures and request you to furnish draft answer along with note for possible suppliementaries within (3) days, positively.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
for ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy to:
The Commissioner of Technical Education,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad with similar direction. (we)

//Forwarded by Order//

SECTION OFFICER

O.N: Please see the letter together with its enclosures
received from the Secretary, APLC at PP.1 - 3 cf.

2. The Secretary, APSCH may be requested to furnish
draft answer along with note for possible supplementaries.
Accordingly, a draft letter is submitted above for approval.

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Letter No.1461/EC.2/2008-2,

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From
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2) Govt.Letter No.1461/EC.2/2008-1, Dt.1.2.2008.

I am to invite attention to the references cited and request you
furnish the draft answer along with draft note for possible
supplimentaries as called for in the reference 2nd cited by return of
FAX, immediately.

Yours faithfully,

for ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

(Issued as Letter No.1461/EC.2/2008-2, Dt.22.2.2008)
(From the Secy, APSCH Hyd Lr.No.APSCH/Secy/CETs/LCQ-955/
Feb, Dt.29.2.2008)

Please see the letter together with its enclosures received from the Secretary, APSCHC at PP. 13 - 17 cf.

Based on the information furnished by the Secretary, APSCHC a draft answer for LCQ No.955(S) along with the note for possible supplementaries are prepared and submitted below for approval.

May be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (TE) for orders thereon.

LCQ No.955 (Starred)

Given notice by
Venkat Rama Reddy
Reddygari, MLC.

Will the Minister for Law & Courts, Technical Education, ITIs be pleased to state:

- a) Whether there is any proposal to abolish the EAMCET Entrance Test; and
- b) If so, the reasons therefor?

Higher Education (EC.2) Department

ANSWER

- a) No Sir.
- b) Does not arise.

(THE ABOVE ANSWER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR LAW & COURTS, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, ITIs)

for PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council, Hyderabad (200 copies)
Copy to:
The P.S. to Spl. Secy. to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Technical Education.
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government (HE).
The Higher Education (MC) Department
The G.A.(Coordination) Dept.
SF/SC-1

Higher Education U.O.Note No.1461/EC.2/2008-3, Dt 03-03-2008.

**NOTE FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARIES ON THE
LCQ NO.955 (STARRED)**

The A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad is the Competent Authority to conduct Entrance Examination for admission

to Institutions of Higher Education. Accordingly, the Competent Authority has been conducting Common Entrance Tests for various Professional courses offered in the Engineering, Pharmacy, MBA & MCA, Law, B.Ed and College of Physical Education in the state for the past one and half decades.

The Competent Authority has announced the schedule of Common Entrance Test for the academic year 2008-09 as below:

CETS-2008			
Sl. No.	CETS-2008	University	Date of Test
1	ECET (FDH)-2008 For Diploma Holders	JNTU, Hyderabad	01-05-2008
2	EAMCET-2008 For 10+2 passouts	JNTU Hyderabad	08-05-2008
3	ICET-2008	OU, Hyderabad	11-05-2008
4	LAWCET-2008	ANU Guntur	31-05-2008
5	EdCET-2008	AU Visakhapatnam	08-06-2008

Entrance Test Committee for each of the Test mentioned above is constituted under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor of the University which is entrusted with the responsibility of conducting Test and other members of the Committee drawn from the Government, Universities, APSCHE and Private Unaided Colleges. This committee will supervise that the tests for its smooth conduct.

The details of number of Engineering and Pharmacy Colleges along with the status of admission for the academic year 2007-08 is given below:

DATA OF ENGINEERING & PHARMACY COLLEGES IN THE STATE AS ON 19.2.2008.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Engineering	Pharmacy
A. No. of Colleges			
1	Total Number of Colleges	338	229
2	Total Number of University Colleges	12	08
3	Total Number of Muslim Minority Colleges	40	14
4	Total Number of Christian Minority Colleges	30	22
B. No.Seats			
5	Total Seats	1,20,617	13,295
6	Seats in University Colleges	3355	130
7	Category- 'B' (20%) to be filled by the Managements	23,452	2,633
C. Seats in Minority Colleges			
8	Seats in Muslim Minority Colleges	12042	745`
9	Seats in Christian Minority Colleges	11805	1320
10	Muslim Minority Quota (80%)	9634	596
11	Christian Minority Quota (80%)	9444	1056
D.Filled and vacant seats.			
12	Vacant seats (SW-I) in category 'A' filled by the Convener	3325	542

13	Vacant seats in SW-II (Approximate) filled by the Convenor, Association of Private Unaided colleges	3486	286
14	Vacant seats under Cat-B (Approximate) by the Management	4690	527

The details of number of students appeared for EAMCET and qualified

Engineering	2006-07	2007-08
Appeared	1,42,138	1,88,512
Qualified	1,05,825	1,74,934

Medical	2006-07	2007-08
Appeared	92,281	94,248
Qualified	72,174	90,722

A good number of professional colleges are situated in rural areas in the State. Substantial numbers of seats were found vacant in such colleges in the previous years due to non availability of qualified Teaching staff though the infrastructure is built and made available as per the norms of AICTE.

Prof. Dayaratnam Committee made the following recommendations:

- It is recommended that certain weightage be given to the qualifying examination marks of the appropriate subjects for admission into the professional courses along with a weightage to the common entrance test; and in course of time may be in the next five years the marks of the qualifying exam could be considered as sole criterion for admission into all professional courses.
- It is recommended that a better mechanism be developed in the organization of the practical classes and the examinations for credible results. Students should be jumbled for practical examinations. The practical examination marks in the appropriate subjects be included in the weightage consideration in the admission to professional courses.
- Normalization of the marks across the courses or a suitable mechanism is to be incorporated in the weightage.
- It is recommended that the common entrance test be continued with a weightage for the marks of the test in the admission process to the professional courses.

- It is recommended that a weightage of 50% of the marks at the qualifying examination be given starting with the students to be admitted into the 1st year Intermediate.

Necessity to continue common Entrance Test of Admission (EAMCET)

- Candidates who acquired a pass in the prescribed qualifying examination for a Test from different Examining Boards/ (CBSE, ICSE, SLC etc.) within the State will appear for the Common Entrance Tests conducted by the state who desire admission into professional courses. Therefore normalization of their performance in the examinations is inevitable to arrive at the merit order of the candidates. It is done by conducting a common entrance test for all such candidates to accord relative merit ranking.
- Further, the apex court (Supreme Court) in P.A. Inamdar case has held that Common Entrance Test is necessary in fulfilling twin objects of transparency and merit and admission to professional colleges should be based on merit by a common entrance test conducted by the Government agencies.
- The Government issued orders in G.O.Ms.No.165 Higher Education (EC.2) Dept. Dt:06.09.2007 that admissions into the Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Medical and Dental courses shall be on the basis of combined scores obtained by giving 25% weightage to marks secured in the Intermediate Examination and 75% to EAMCET / EAMCET-AC from the year 2009 onwards.

In view of the above there is no proposal before the Government to abolish the EAMCET entrance test.

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Submitted for perusal. The question has been answered on 05-03-2008 by the Hon'ble Minister (HE & TE) on the floor of the House. No further action has been called for in the matter. May be closed and recorded as G.O.Rt.No..... Dt.....10.2008.

ABSTRACT

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